

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

RONALD C. WILLIAMS,

Case No. 3:22-cv-00376-ART-CLB

Plaintiff,

ORDER

v.

K. McCOY, et al.,

Defendants.

This action began with a pro se civil-rights complaint filed under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by a state prisoner. Plaintiff has applied to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF No. 1). Based on the financial information provided, the Court finds that Plaintiff is unable to prepay the full filing fee in this matter.

The Court entered a screening order on October 24, 2022. (ECF No. 11). The screening order imposed a 90-day stay and the Court entered a subsequent order in which the parties were assigned to mediation by a court-appointed mediator, and the Court extended the stay. (ECF Nos. 11, 13, 14). The Office of the Attorney General has filed a status report indicating that settlement has not been reached and informing the Court of its intent to proceed with this action. (ECF No. 17).

For the foregoing reasons, **IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1) is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff shall not be required to pay an initial installment of the filing fee. But if this action is later dismissed, the full filing fee must still be paid under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2).

2. The movant herein is permitted to maintain this action to conclusion without the necessity of prepayment of any additional fees or costs or the giving of security therefor.

3. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915, as amended by the Prison Litigation Reform Act, the Nevada Department of Corrections will forward payments from the account of

1 **RONALD C. WILLIAMS, #87832** to the Clerk of the United States District Court, District
2 of Nevada, 20% of the preceding month's deposits (in months that the account exceeds
3 \$10.00) until the full \$350 filing fee has been paid for this action.

4 5. Service must be perfected within ninety (90) days from the date of this order
5 pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m).

6 6. Subject to the findings of the screening order (ECF No. 11) within twenty-
7 one (21) days of the date of entry of this order, the Attorney General's Office shall file a
8 notice advising the Court and Plaintiff of: (a) the names of the defendants for whom it
9 accepts service; (b) the names of the defendants for whom it does not accept service,
10 and (c) the names of the defendants for whom it is filing the last-known-address
11 information under seal. As to any of the named defendants for whom the Attorney
12 General's Office cannot accept service, the Office shall file, under seal, but shall not serve
13 the inmate Plaintiff the last known address(es) of those defendant(s) for whom it has such
14 information. If the last known address of the defendant(s) is a post office box, the Attorney
15 General's Office shall attempt to obtain and provide the last known physical address(es).

16 7. If service cannot be accepted for any of the named defendant(s), Plaintiff
17 shall file a motion identifying the unserved defendant(s), requesting issuance of a
18 summons, and specifying a full name and address for the defendant(s). For the
19 defendant(s) as to which the Attorney General has not provided last-known-address
20 information, Plaintiff shall provide the full name and address for the defendant(s).

21 8. If the Attorney General accepts service of process for any named
22 defendant(s), such defendant(s) shall file and serve an answer or other response to the
23 complaint within sixty (60) days from the date of this order.

24 9. Plaintiff shall serve upon defendant(s) or, if an appearance has been
25 entered by counsel, upon their attorney(s), a copy of every pleading, motion or other
26 document submitted for consideration by the Court. If Plaintiff electronically files a
27 document with the Court's electronic-filing system, no certificate of service is required.
28 Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(d)(1)(B); Nev. Loc. R. IC 4-1(b); Nev. Loc. R. 5-1. However, if Plaintiff

1 mails the document to the Court, Plaintiff shall include with the original document
2 submitted for filing a certificate stating the date that a true and correct copy of the
3 document was mailed to the defendants or counsel for the defendants. If counsel has
4 entered a notice of appearance, Plaintiff shall direct service to the individual attorney
5 named in the notice of appearance, at the physical or electronic address stated therein.
6 The Court may disregard any document received by a district judge or magistrate judge
7 that has not been filed with the Clerk, and any document received by a district judge,
8 magistrate judge, or the Clerk that fails to include a certificate showing proper service
9 when required.

10 10. This case is no longer stayed.

11 It is further ordered that the Clerk of the Court is directed to (1) **FILE** the Complaint
12 (ECF No. 1-1); (2) **SEND** Plaintiff Williams a courtesy copy of the Complaint; (3) **SEND** a
13 copy of this order to the Finance Division of the Clerk's Office and to the attention of Chief
14 of Inmate Services for the Nevada Department of Corrections, P.O. Box 7011, Carson
15 City, NV 89702; and (4) electronically **SERVE** a copy of this order and a copy of the
16 Complaint on the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Nevada by adding the
17 Attorney General of the State of Nevada to the docket sheet. This does not indicate
18 acceptance of service.

19 Dated this 8th day of February, 2023.

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22 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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